Talks with American establishment on terror

*93. MS. MABEL REBELLO:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he visited United States of America (USA) to initiate interaction;

(b) if so, whether issue of perpetrators of Mumbai terror attack and Pakistan's continued support to the terror infrastructure figured in that high level ministerial talks with American establishment;

(c) if so, what were the other main points discussed with U.S. Government; and

(d) to what extent U.S.A. has assured India of its help and assistance in checking terrorist activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (d) The Union Home Minister led a delegation to the United States of America in September, 2009. During the visit, the Union Home Minister had discussions with senior dignitaries of the US administration on issues relating to co-operation to combat terrorism and, *inter alia*, on areas of human resource development, agency to agency level co-operation, maritime security etc. The US government has expressed its support for the efforts of India to counter terrorism and assured greater co-operation.

Unmotorable condition of Shriadi Ghat portion of NH-48

*94. SHRI M. RAMA JOIS: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent for the upkeep of 37 Kms. of National Highway (NH-48) between Sakleshpur and Gundya which is called 'Shriadi Ghat' during the last five years;

(b) why even after spending so much of amount the road is not in a motorable condition;

(c) whether it is a fact that granular sub-base, which is the fundamental requirement of the Highway, is missing in this part of the road; and

(d) the action taken by Government to ensure that this part of National Highway is constructed according to the requirement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) An amount of Rs.39,35,90,954/- has been spent in the up keep of 37 kms. stretch of 'Shriadi Ghat' on National Highway (NH-48) during the last five years.

(b) The road gets damaged due to inherent deficiency in the original construction, very heavy rainfall in the area and extremely high traffic intensity of 30,000 PCUs/day with a sizeable proportion of overloaded trucks carrying iron ore and forest produce.